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REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY

You knew this was coming: “Spank! The Fifty Shades Parody” opens Nov. 28 at the Royal George Theatre: ticketmaster.com.

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD Pros Arts Studio at Dvorak Park

FREE 1119 W. Cullerton Ave. 312-226-7767

Pilsen comes alive—so to speak—with the Muertos de la Risa celebration, which features performances by the Calavera Circus and Nahui Ollin Aztec Dancers, street-level neighborhood ofrendas (altars), face painting and the 33rd annual Dia de los Muertos community procession with giant puppets and props (6-6:45 p.m.). 4-8 p.m. Friday.

POLITICAL WINGS

BQ 2 Go

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To celebrate the upcoming elections, the carryout neighbor of Asian barbecue spot Belly Q offers a bipartisan lunch special. Order any lunch to dine in or to-go and get a politically themed chicken wing snack: two left wings with tangy yuzu-cumin barbecue sauce or two right wings with spicy hoisin barbecue sauce. Can’t make up your mind? Go independent with one of each. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

ANSWER ME THIS

The Hideout

1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433

The Interview Show—a monthly live talk-show program—hits its 50th episode as Mark Bazer hosts conversations with Rolling Stone political writer Rick Perlstein, comedian Lil Rel Howery and “Top Chef” competitor Dale Levitski, plus a musical performance by filmmaker David Singer, who’s also—ironically—a singer. 6:30-8 p.m. Friday. \$8.

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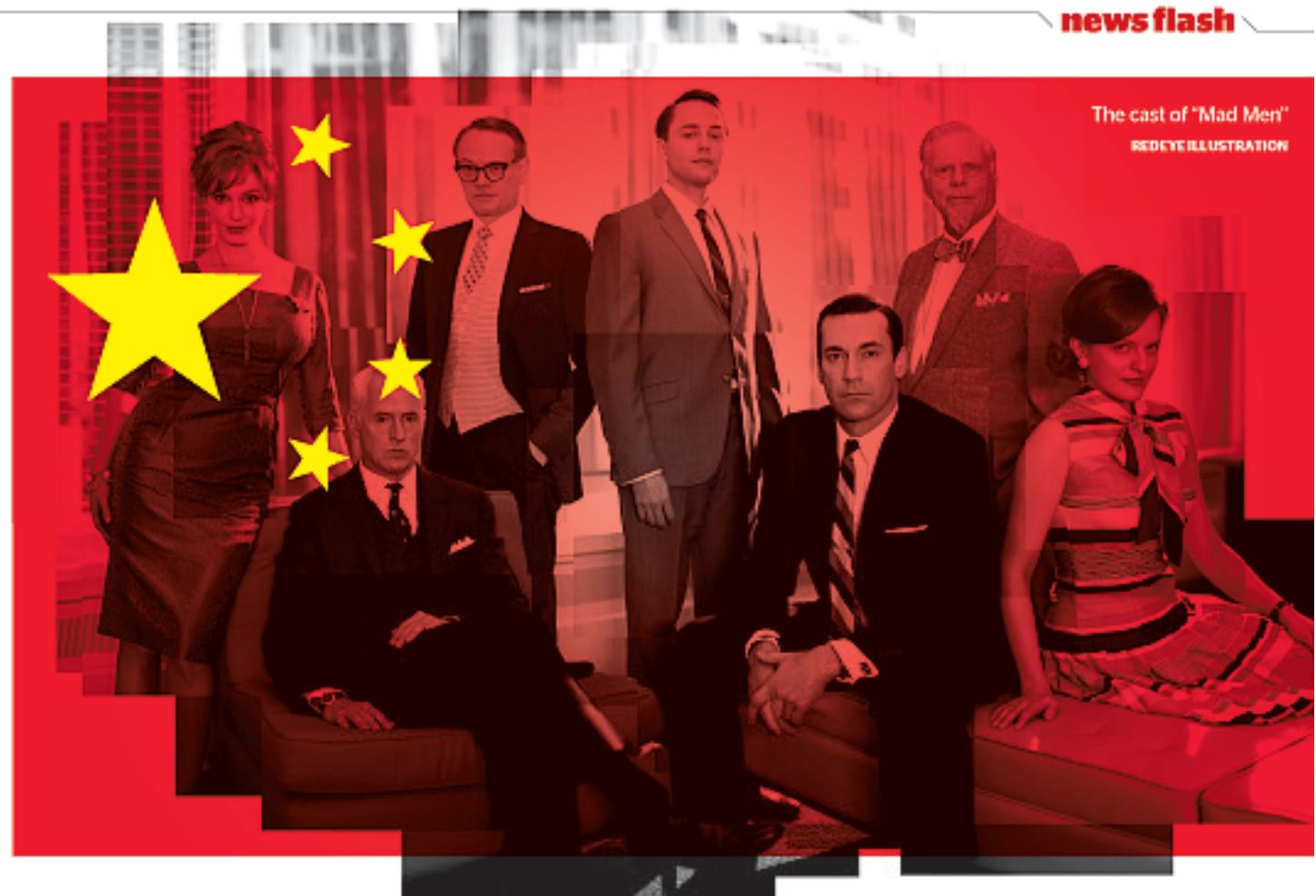
Los Angeles Times

Just after Memorial Day 1966 on the TV drama “Mad Men,” ad man Don Draper is serenaded at his 40th birthday party by his 26-year-old second wife, Megan. She prances suggestively around their apartment, delivering a sensual rendition of the French song “Zou Bisou Bisou” while his office colleagues gape, puff on Lucky Strikes and sip cocktails.

That very same month in China, in real life, things were headed in a much less bourgeois direction. Mao Zedong ushered in the Cultural Revolution, a decade of proletarian zealotry that sent millions of city dwellers to do manual labor in the countryside. Schools were closed, temples smashed and chaos roiled the economy.

So it’s not exactly 1960s nostalgia that’s driving young, urbane Chinese professionals like Ken Ji, a 28-year-old from Shanghai, onto the Internet to spend hours with Don Draper, or Tang Deleibo, as he’s known in Mandarin. Yet hundreds of thousands of viewers like Ji have turned the Madison Avenue period drama—which explores issues of suburban ennui and changing social mores around sexism, racism, individuality and homosexuality in the time of JFK and LBJ—into an improbable Chinese niche hit.

While Americans may see “Mad Men” as an escapist retro-cool trip to their parents’ boozy, better-dressed era, Ji and many of his fellow fans view the program through a different lens. In this country—where 63 percent of workers are exposed to cigarette smoke



on the job, the divorce rate is rising as fast as GDP and boardrooms remain bastions of men who banquet—the AMC show is less like a portal to a lost past and more like an oddly relatable snapshot of the present, or maybe even the desirable future.

“I think it reflects reality. You can see from ‘Mad Men’ that the U.S. was already sort of open in the 1960s. China is developing and moving toward the stage reflected in the show,” said Ji, who works in the international department of the real estate Internet portal Soufun and has watched all five seasons, many downloaded to his cellphone. “You can apply the characters in the show to people around you. Don is probably my favorite, but I like Megan too.”

Like “Mad Men” characters, young white-collar workers in cities such as Beijing and Shanghai often are imbued with an alluring sense of living in a nation on the rise, even as they grapple with rapid and disorienting so-



Employees of Ogilvy & Mather Advertising in Beijing dressed up for a “Mad Men” party last year. OGILVY & MATHER ADVERTISING PHOTO

GENDER GAP

“Mad Men” fan Sabrina Wang, a 31-year-old senior manager at Ogilvy & Mather China, is particularly enamored with budding feminist Peggy Olson and sexy queen bee Joan Harris, women who climb from the secretary pool to powerful positions. Although Chinese businesses remain strongly male dominated—in the World Economic Forum’s 2011 Gender Gap report, China ranked 61, way behind the U.S. (17) and Iceland (1) but ahead of Italy (74)—advertising is among the sectors in China in which women have made bigger strides.

cial, cultural and economic change.

Martin Murphy, managing director of global brand management for Ogilvy & Mather’s Shanghai branch, said watching “Mad Men” in China was a peculiar yet special experi-

ence. “When you watch it in China, a good case can be made that that’s what’s happening here now, a big societal shift,” Murphy, 40, said. “There’s the pull between tradition and change, the pull between East and West.”



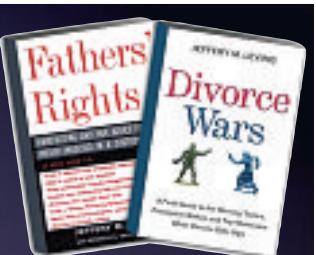
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Say goodbye to Honey Boo Boo



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There's a monster in my living room. It just sits there with its dark, blank face staring. I feel it in my bones—it's plotting against me.

People on the street know it as "the TV." I know it as the evil succubus that wants my very soul.

I keep clear of it most of the week. But on certain evenings I'm compelled to sit

before it, a root beer in one hand, Funyuns in the other. That's when I finally lock eyes with it and succumb to its hypnotic glow. It tells me when to laugh and I do. It tells me when to cry and I do. It tells me when to say "Oh, no she didn't!" and I do that too.

Hours later—when the spell is broken and I finally blink—the Funyuns are all gone and I'm left in a daze. What happened? What year is it? My girlfriend asked me to do something, but I can't for the life of me remember what it was. Throw out the garbage? Wash the dishes? I play it safe and do both.

As Mama Boucher might say, TV is the devil. Fast. Addictive. Unlike books, which require pages of reading before the fun kicks in, those "Breaking Amish" kids are ready to entertain as soon as you press the power button.

That's why I don't watch TV much. Not because I'm some hipster who shuns mainstream culture, or a quasi-socialist who deems the kind of entertainment TV provides to be too bourgeois. No, it's for the exact opposite reason—I'm a whore when it comes to anything cheap and easy. And like most people my age, I used



HECTOR LUIS ALAMO JR. IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

to watch hella TV.

A few years back, I discovered that if I'm going to get some TV time in and not gawk my life away, I needed to have a plan of attack. I call it Hector's 3-Step Plan for Watching TV Not So Much.

Step 1: Never eat meals in your TV's presence. Few people eat meals at a dining table these days, opting to carry their plates into the living room so they can be entertained while they chew—because heaven forbid they're forced to talk to one another or chew and think at the same time.

Step 2: Avoid boredom at all costs. This is much easier than it sounds. Go for a run or hit the gym. Put your library card to use. Hang out with friends or visit that aging relative who everyone else has abandoned. (Note: This step also keeps you from raiding the refrigerator.)

Step 3: Pick which shows you're going to watch on a given day at the beginning of the week. This is similar to what dietitians tell people looking to lose a pound or two or 100. Tell yourself you're going to watch TV for only an hour on Thursday and that you're going to spend that hour watching "Sunny" and "The Daily Show." Then, when Thursday comes around, stick to it.

After a while, the TV will loosen its grip. You might even go whole days without thinking about Honey Boo Boo. As for me, I never allow myself to forget that I am a recovering TV addict. And the TV doesn't let me forget either. It's still there in my living room, still staring, still plotting, still calling out for my soul.

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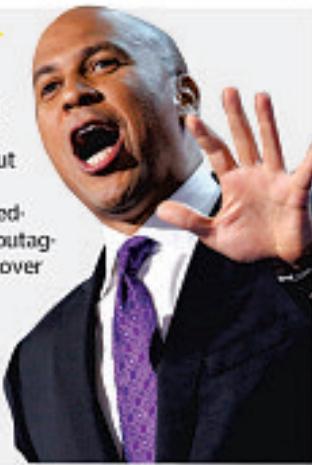
FOLLOW THY TWEETS

Are you following these accounts on Twitter? You should be. Suggest someone you think we should feature by sending a tweet to @JessicaGallart. —JESSICA GALLART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

@CoryBooker



Why you should follow: You already knew the mayor of Newark, N.J., was a badass after you heard about him rescuing a neighbor from a fire in April. But did you know he's also a social media badass? Following Hurricane Sandy, Booker was incredibly responsive to his followers' tweets about power outages and has even been tweet-inviting his constituents over to his house to charge up their phones and relax.



Sample tweet:

"God has a sense of humor. On Garside convincing diabetic 2go 2 hospital. We see a fire, run to it & its a guy w/ a BBQ pit. No rescue needed!"

@RL_Stine



Why you should follow: Yes, the same R.L. Stine who wrote your favorite series of children's books, "Goosebumps." Stine utilized the full power of Twitter on Halloween by telling a scary story via 12 tweets. Here's hoping he'll do this on the regular.



Sample tweet:

"A farmer named Ferris had bare fields. He didn't know what to plant. One night, walking on a dark country road, he saw an old farmer..."

@WGNRobin



Why you should follow: About time! WGN Morning News anchor Robin Baumgarten just joined Twitter this week, and she's already sharing some awesomely ridiculous photos from the Morning News desk.



Sample tweet:

"Our floor director Dionne shows how 'live tweeting' is going so far. @PaulKonrad #wgnmorningnews"

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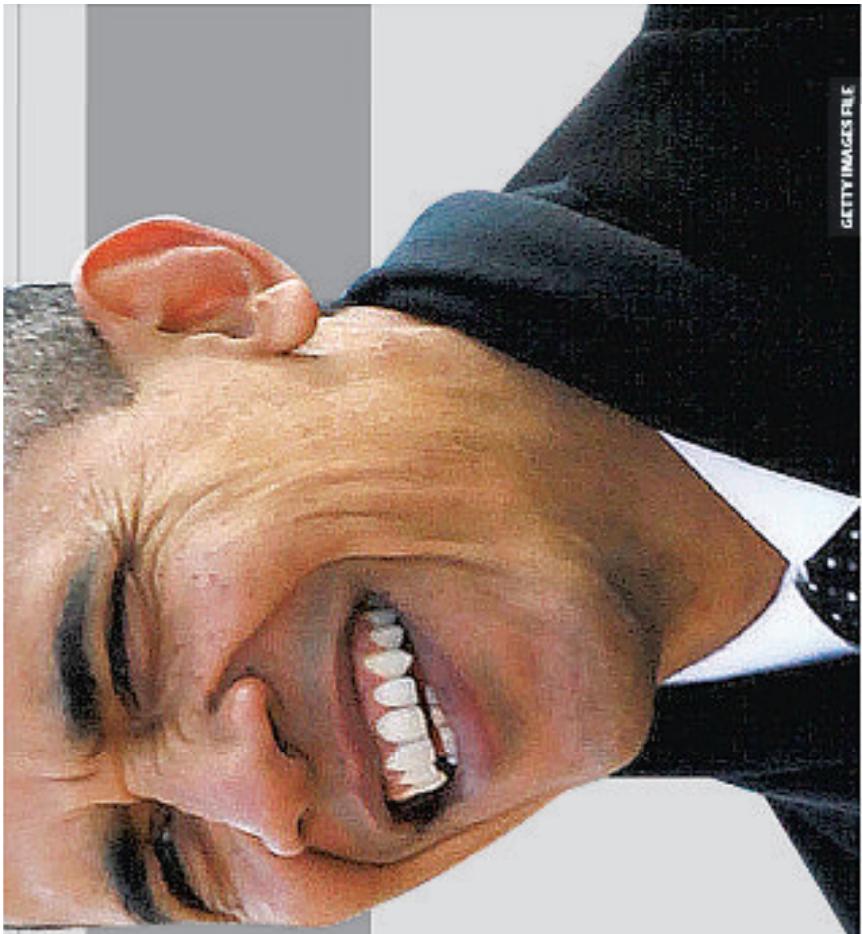
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OBAMA HAS MADE HIS MARK ON THE WINDY CITY

By Georgia Garvey | REDEYE

Peanut butter and jelly, brunch and mimosas, and President Obama and Chicago? When it comes to the president, it's true. No city gets more action than Chicago, Obama's hometown and the place that nurtured his early political ambitions. When he first was elected, Obama promised to make regular visits and he (sort of) delivered. The Tribune has counted off more than a dozen visits in the 3½ years he's been president, and RedEye found plenty of intersections between the commander in chief and the Windy City. Here are some of them.

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Tom Ricketts
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Home sweet home

Address: 5000 block of South Greenwood Ave.

Visit: The Obamas make plenty of stops at this spot in Kenwood, their home-away-from-the-White-House. In June, while in town for some fundraising, the president, the first lady and their daughters slept here.



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Birthday bash

Address: 706 W. Lawrence Ave.

Visit: The president celebrated his 50th birthday in August 2011 at the Aragon Ballroom in Uptown, while performers like OK Go and Jennifer Hudson (above left) entertained guests who paid hundreds of dollars. The president's birthday is Aug. 4.

Money time

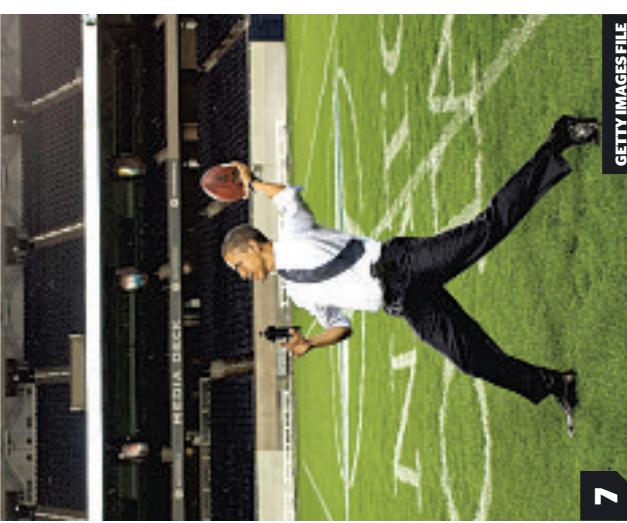
Address: 1200 W. 35th St.

Visit: President Obama rolled into the Bridgeport Art Center in August as part of several visits meant to raise campaign funds for his re-election bid. The Federal Election Commission said Obama out-fundraised GOP challenger Mitt Romney that month.

Foul ball

Address: 1060 W. Addison St.

Visit: Talks between Mayor Emanuel and the Cubs owners, the Ricketts family, about helping to pay for Wrigley Field renovations stalled after it came out that the patriarch had been pitched an idea to pay for anti-Obama ads.



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Summit-ing

Address: McCormick Place convention center

7 Visit: After moving the G8 Summit, which was supposed to be held in Chicago, Obama visited the city as part of his official duties during the NATO Summit in May, including a stop at **Soldier Field** to toss a football.



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Chow hound

Address: 1141 S. Jefferson St.

6 Visit: Soon after he won the presidential election in November 2008, Obama stopped by **Manny's Deli** on the Near West Side for a corned beef sandwich.



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Da president

Address: 1901 W. Madison St.

5 Visit: In February 2009, Obama stopped by to watch his favorite basketball team, the Bulls, play at the **United Center**. Not only did the newly inaugurated president get a standing ovation from the crowd, but players joined in as well.



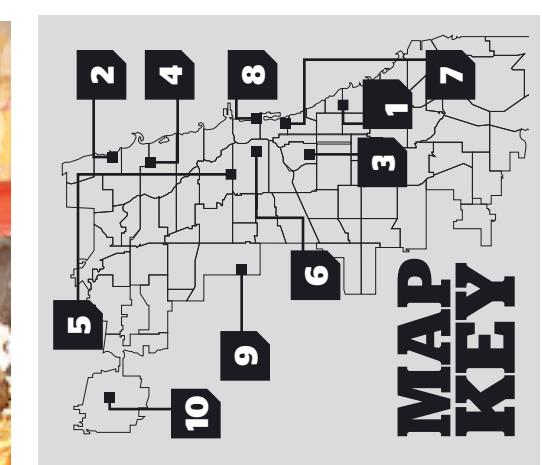
Rahm Emanuel (center) speaks to diners during his mayoral campaign.
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**MAP KEY****The audacity of turkey**

Address: 5412 W. Madison St.

9 Visit: **MacArthur's**, a soul-food restaurant that specializes in BBQ turkey legs, was name-checked in "The Audacity of Hope," Obama's memoir.

Fly-by first family

Address: 10000 West O'Hare

10 Visit: In June, the Obamas touched down in Air Force One at **O'Hare**. The family was in town to attend the wedding of the daughter of Valerie Jarrett, the president's adviser.

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FRIDAY
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Just gray

A makeshift memorial on Thursday sits in front of the Naperville home where two children were killed.
CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE



Plackowska

NO BAIL FOR WOMAN CHARGED WITH STABBING CHILDREN TO DEATH

Chicago Tribune

Justin Plackowska was a well-liked third-grader who loved reading books about superheroes and making his classmates laugh.

Olivia Dworakowski, a kindergartner, got lost on her first day at school this fall, but she then had a friendly lunch with the police officers who found her.

Many in Naperville struggled to focus on those details and not the scene of "unimaginable horror" that prosecutors laid out Thursday in describing how Justin's mother, Elzbieta M. Plackowska, allegedly killed the two children.

"The school staff will help the students cele-

brate Justin in a way that is appropriate for their age," said Susan E. Rice, director of communications of Naperville Community Unit School District 203.

Wearing a yellow jail jumpsuit and showing no emotion, Plackowska spoke up only twice, to confirm her identity and to say she couldn't afford an attorney, during an appearance in DuPage County Circuit Court, where she was denied bail. Plackowska, 40, of Naperville, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder and faces mandatory natural life in prison if convicted.

Questions about the gruesome crime, discovered just after 10 p.m. Tuesday by police on the 800 block of Quin Court, plagued neighbors, relatives and other residents of the suburb.

In bond court Thursday, prosecutors offered a chilling account of how Plackowska allegedly stabbed 7-year-old Justin 100 times as he pleaded for his life and told his mother he loved her.

The suspect then allegedly stabbed 5-year-old

Olivia, whom she was baby-sitting, about 50 times because she was a witness. The girl also begged for her life, prosecutors said.

The slain girl's mother, Marta Dworakowski, declined to comment Thursday when reached on the phone. "I'm not ready to talk to anyone yet," she said.

According to prosecutors, Justin and Olivia were told to get ready for bed Tuesday, but instead began jumping on the bed in the master bedroom of Olivia's town home on Quin Court.

Plackowska went to the kitchen to get a knife, then entered the bedroom and ordered the children to kneel and pray, prosecutors said.

"She told Justin he was going to heaven tonight," DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said.

Two family dogs also were stabbed to death in the rampage, officials said. Police said they recovered two knives, one in the kitchen sink, the blade bent backward.

HOMICIDE TRACKER

The tracker published on Page 10 on Thursday listed incorrect dates and causes of death for homicides from Oct. 24 through 4 p.m. Wednesday. Here is the correct list of the 12 homicides.

8000 block of S. Halsted St.
Date: Oct. 24 Cause: Gunshot

3800 block of W. Augusta Blvd.
Date: Oct. 27 Cause: Gunshot

500 block of E. 75th St.
Date: Oct. 27 Cause: Gunshot

9400 block of S. LaSalle St.
Date: Oct. 28 Cause: Gunshot

1100 block of N. Keystone Ave.
Date: Oct. 28 Cause: Gunshot

6800 block of S. Halsted St.
Date: Oct. 28 Cause: Gunshot

1300 block of W. 13th St.
Date: Oct. 28 Cause: Gunshot

7900 block of S. Escanaba Ave.
Date: Oct. 29 Cause: Gunshot

1100 block of W. Wilson Ave.
Date: Oct. 29 Cause: Gunshot

3300 block of W. North Ave.
Date: Oct. 29 Cause: Gunshot

6200 block of S. Eberhart Ave.
Date: Oct. 30 Cause: Gunshot

12200 block of S. Union Ave.
Date: Oct. 30 Cause: Gunshot

EXPRESS LINES

► Early voting ends Saturday as does the grace period, which allows Chicago residents to register and vote in the same visit. Voters can go to any of the 51 locations listed at bit.ly/Fb68Q from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

► McDonald's Chief Executive and President Don Thompson has paid \$3.3 million for two 80th-floor condominium units in the Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago.

► A wrongful-death lawsuit was filed Thursday against Marriott International, claiming that a downtown Chicago hotel is responsible for infecting an Irish tourist with Legionnaires' disease.

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1 India imports Playboy club

The Playboy club is coming to India—but with “bunnies” in non-revealing outfits. “The costumes of the bunnies, who are integral to the Playboy culture, will be based on Indian sensibilities and morals,” said Sanjay Gupta, CEO of PB Life-style. **GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO**

2 Facebook testing a new Timeline

Facebook is testing a redesign of its Timeline feature that could make reading old posts slightly easier. The Menlo Park, Calif.-based company confirmed that it is testing an experimental version of the redesign on a small number of users.

3 Three dead in stampede

Three young women are dead and two are in serious condition after being crushed by a crowd at a Halloween party in Madrid early Thursday, police said. There was a stampede in an arena hallway that connected the main dance floor to another area, police said.

4 Tanker explosion kills 22 people

A fuel tanker rammed into a bridge and exploded into a ball of fire Thursday, killing 22 people and sending flames sweeping over the Saudi Arabia capital, state television reported. In addition to the fatalities, at least 111 others were wounded.

5 Maybe a catapult next time?

Authorities this week spotted two smugglers taking a different approach to crossing the border from Mexico: driving a Jeep over the 14-foot fence dividing the two countries. But the makeshift ramp the suspects propped up at the border near Yuma, Ariz., didn't work and the Jeep got stuck. The drivers then fled.

Storm cleanup reveals bodies

6 NEW YORK Sandy's grim death toll mounted Thursday as survivors struggled to regain a semblance of the normalcy that the storm swept away this week when it struck the Northeast.

The storm was blamed for the deaths of 157 people—at least 88 of them in the U.S., two in Canada and 67 in the Caribbean.

The bodies of two children were found Thursday. The boys, ages 2 and 4, had been riding with their mother on Staten Island when the storm surge swamped their SUV, authorities said.

They were found Thursday morning “maybe a block or two from where [their mother] lost them,” borough President James Molinaro said.

Also on Staten Island, John Filipowicz, 51, and his 20-year-old son, John, were found dead under debris in the basement of their home, which had been swamped by the storm surge, authorities told CNN affiliate WCBS.

Sandy claimed at least 37 lives in New York City, Mayor Michael Bloomberg told reporters Thursday.

That toll included 13-year-old Andrea Dresch, whose body was pulled from the debris of a house on Staten Island that was swallowed by a tidal surge, authorities told WCBS. Her father was among the missing. **silive.com** reported.

While some mourned, others focused on the struggle facing the living—as authorities in nine states worked to restore basic services such as

Flooding in Staten Island
REUTERS



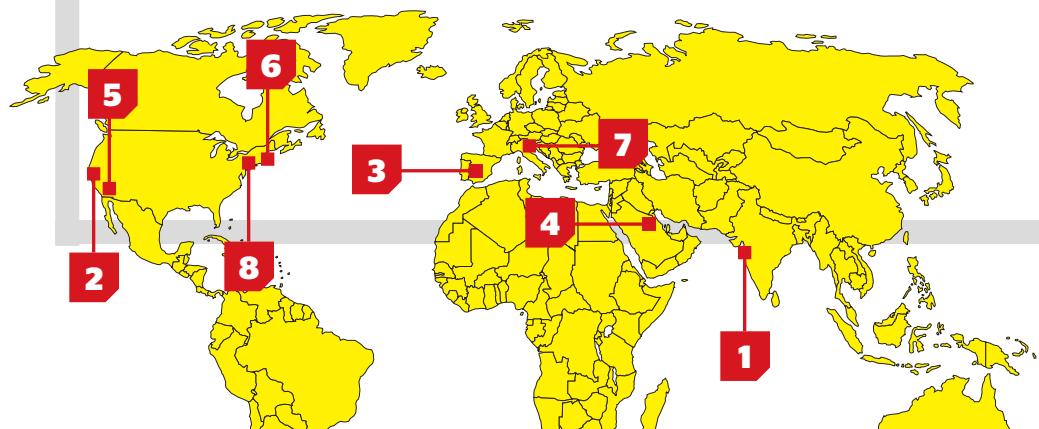
public transit and electricity.

When it comes to electricity, Manhattan has become an island of haves and have-nots. About 530,000 customers were without power citywide, Bloomberg said, many of them south of Midtown's 34th Street. Parts of Queens and Staten Island also had no electricity Thursday.



High tide

7 A man rows a kayak in front of flooded St. Mark's Square on Thursday during a period of seasonal high water in Venice, Italy. **REUTERS**



3 officials charged in Sandusky scandal

8 Three former Penn State University officials—including ex-President Graham Spanier—have been charged with conspiring to cover up years of sexual abuse against children by former football coach Jerry Sandusky.

Spanier, along with former Athletic Director Tim Curley and ex-Vice President Gary Schultz, each face the same eight counts related to the Sandusky scandal, including perjury, conspiracy and endangering the welfare of children, Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly announced Thursday.

Curley and Schultz are scheduled for a preliminary arraignment at Magisterial District Judge William C. Wenner's office at 2 p.m. Friday, and Spanier's preliminary arraignment is slated for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the same judge's office, according to Pennsylvania courts spokesman Jim Koval. Each of the three men is expected to attend his arraignment, Koval said.

This is the first time Spanier has been charged in the wake of the scandal, which started unfolding publicly a year ago.

THE DIGIT 16

That is the new voting age in Argentina after lawmakers passed a measure Wednesday to lower the age from 18.



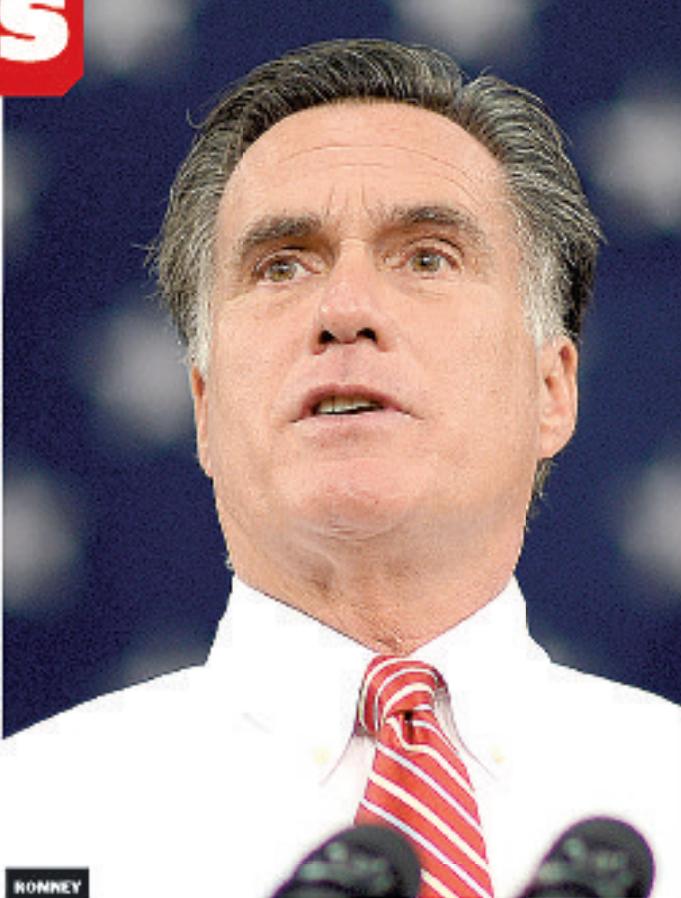
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Taxes

Pres. Obama's tax policies wouldn't change much for lower- and middle-income folks, except for one thing: He'd let the 2010 payroll tax cut expire as originally scheduled. That affects everyone who's employed on the books somewhere, and the extra money goes straight into their paychecks. Those tax cuts are set to expire in January, so don't get too attached to the extra cash if Obama wins.

But, hey, Mitt Romney would let those

cuts expire, too. That means no matter who gets elected next week, you might be seeing less in your paycheck.

Romney, though, also has said he'll cut taxes by 20 percent for everyone, no matter how much he or she makes. To make up for this, he has said he might get rid of certain tax deductions, but he hasn't said which ones. (The heavyweight deductions are for interest paid on mortgages and for employer-provided health insurance—and repealing either of those would be massively unpopular, so it would be tough to get rid of those.)

Romney also said he might cap the money you can deduct from your taxes at a set dollar amount, which would more or less even the playing field. And he's proposed the idea of setting a ceiling on tax deductions—taxpayers couldn't claim more than \$15,000, say, or \$20,000 each year, no matter how much money they make.

Loans

Both candidates give a lot of lip service to "simplifying" student loans.

In Romney's case, that means reintroducing the private sector. That would

mean the government doesn't make loans directly, but rather pays subsidies to private lenders, who would then run the system.

He's also said he is not in favor of loan forgiveness, but his statements on that have been vague. That doesn't necessarily mean he'll oppose income-based repayment plans or forgive loans for public service workers, which are both cornerstones of Obama's student loan program.

Obama also favors letting borrowers get rid of their student loans if they declare bankruptcy, and he's doubled funding for Pell grants (which you don't have to pay back).

Now, keep in mind that whoever is elected probably can't or won't implement everything on his agenda. He'll have to deal with Congress, business leaders, lobbyists, the markets—you know, the real world.

This guide, though, will at least give you an idea of where the candidates' heads are when it comes to your money. You have four days, now get out there and vote.

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KILLER JOBS

They're the worst of the worst, safety-wise. You may think your job is rough, but remember: It could always be worse. (Unless you're a logger, in which case, yep, your job is pretty hard.) These are the most dangerous jobs according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which ranks them based on the number and rate of 2011 fatal work injuries—as well as the median annual wage for working them. [TRIBUNE](#)

1 Fishers and related fishing workers

\$25,590

They work long, hard hours—especially on commercial fishing trips—as well as work with dangerous equipment. They're also often far away from a doctor or hospital if they do get hurt.

2 Loggers

\$32,870

They brave the elements, work physically demanding jobs and need to steer clear of falling trees and branches. Tough work if you can get it.

3 Aircraft pilots and flight engineers

\$103,210

Think near-constant jet lag, combined with repeated exposure to super-loud noise. Pilots who fly crop dusters are also frequently exposed to toxic chemicals.

4 Refuse and recyclable material collectors

\$28,400

Their job is to move everything you can't. It's physically exhausting, involves lots of repetitive motion and requires them to move heavy objects and machinery. Ouch.

5 Roofers

\$34,200

Any job that requires you to be several feet—or in some cases, several stories—off the ground is a dangerous one. They're also doing strenuous work exposed to the elements.

6 Structural iron and steel workers

\$44,540

Like roofers, iron workers are at the mercy of the outdoors and perform demanding tasks that leave them at risk for injury.

7 Farmers, ranchers and agricultural managers

\$60,750

Use of heavy machinery and exposure to chemicals are two of the main dangers of agricultural work.

8 Driver/sales workers and truck drivers

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This industry has a lot of employees and a lot of injuries. It saw 759 fatal injuries in 2011—hundreds more than any other occupation on the list. The longer the drive, the higher the injury risk.

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BEARS AT TENNESSEE

This week we're joined by Kyle Backman (@kylebackman10) who won Vol. 6 of our Bears Trivia Challenge. Check out this week's challenge for your chance to win a spot in next week's panel.



BEARS 31, TITANS 19

Commodore reunion in the Music City for the Vandy boys. Heavy dose of Forte against the Titans' 28th-ranked rush defense.

—Kyle Backman



BEARS 31, TITANS 3

This is the week the Titans feel the wrath!

—Elliott Serrano



BEARS 31, TITANS 10

Somehow, the Bears D gets a field goal, too. Weird. —Bag Boy



BEARS 23, TITANS 22

If that score reminds you of last week's, there's a reason—the Bears haven't changed much. —Chris Sosa

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5 BIG BACKS 6 LONG WEEKS



AS IF CHRIS JOHNSON ALONE WASN'T ENOUGH—THE BEARS D HAD BETTER BUCKLE DOWN

By Jack M Silverstein | FOR REDEYE

A few weeks ago, RedEye asked the Bears what it's like to prepare for an All-Pro like Detroit defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh. Bears offensive lineman Lance Louis shrugged and said, "There's a lot of All-Pros in this league." In other words, don't get too worked up over the guy you're playing this week, because you'll play somebody just as good next week.

No kidding. Over the next six weeks, the Bears play five of the NFL's top seven leading rushers: Chris Johnson, Arian Foster, Frank Gore, Adrian Peterson, Marshawn Lynch and Peterson again. Because no running back has decimated a Lovie Smith-led defense quite like Peterson's first crack at the Bears in 2007 (224 yards, three touchdowns), let's take a look at the Bears' last games against these runners, graded on a scale of 1 to 2007 Adrian Peterson.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR JACK M SILVERSTEIN COVERS THE BEARS FOR REDEYE. SAY HEY @READJACK.

Adrian Peterson Minnesota

Pro Bowls: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Next meetings: Nov. 25 at Chicago, Dec. 9 at Minnesota

Last meeting: Oct. 16, 2011—Bears 39, Vikings 10

Peterson had his first non-Pro Bowl season in 2011, rushing for 970 yards in 12 games. Underwhelming, but he did score 12 touchdowns. In his lone 2011 game against the Bears, Peterson carried the ball 12 times for 39 yards and scored the Vikings' only touchdown. This year he leads the league in rushing. And since the Bears play Peterson twice, it's worth mentioning that even with that 39-yard game, Peterson has averaged more than 100 yards in eight games against the Bears, scoring in all but one game. GETTYIMAGES

Rating:

on the 2007 Adrian Peterson scale



WEEK 9
Bears at Tennessee
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» Bulls at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m. CSN » Wolves at Rockford, 7 p.m. Channel 50



Chris Johnson

Tennessee

Pro Bowls: 2008, 2009, 2010
Next meeting: Sunday at Tennessee
Last meeting: Nov. 9, 2008—Titans 21, Bears 14

The last time the Bears played Chris Johnson, the Titans were 8-0 and the then-rookie was beginning his ascent to NFL superstardom. He entered that game averaging just less than 90 rushing yards per contest, and though his Titans were victorious, the Bears stuffed Johnson for his third-lowest rushing output of his career: 14 carries for 8 yards. **GETTY IMAGES**

Rating:

on the 2007 Adrian Peterson scale

Arian Foster

Houston

Pro Bowls: 2010, 2011
Next meeting: Nov. 11 at Chicago
Last meeting: N/A

When the Bears played the Texans in December 2008, Arian Foster was a senior at the University of Tennessee. He was undrafted in 2009, caught on with Houston, lit the league ablaze in 2010 and has stayed hot since. Foster is averaging 94.1 rushing yards per game this season; the Bears are allowing 77.9. In the words of ESPN's Chris Berman, "THAT'S why we play the game." **US PRESSWIRE**

Rating: **Unknown**

on the 2007 Adrian Peterson scale

Frank Gore

San Francisco

Pro Bowls: 2006, 2009, 2011
Next meeting: Nov. 19 at San Francisco
Last meeting: Nov. 12, 2009—49ers 10, Bears 6

When the Bears arrived in San Francisco for a game against the 49ers, Frank Gore was slowly returning to form following an ankle injury. That changed against the Bears: 104 yards on 25 carries and the game's only touchdown. He was strong all the way through, with 12 touches in the fourth quarter and two 20-yard runs. **MCR**

Rating:

on the 2007 Adrian Peterson scale

Marshawn Lynch

Seattle

Pro Bowl: 2008
Next meeting: Dec. 2 at Chicago
Last meeting: Dec. 18, 2011—Seahawks 38, Bears 14

Tackling Marshawn Lynch is like lifting an eel—it's rather slippery and definitely stronger than you, and ultimately you're going to need a few friends to help. Lynch wasn't sensational against the Bears last year—only 42 yards on 20 carries. But he converted a third down and scored twice in short yardage situations. Oh, and his team won by 24. **GETTY IMAGES**

Rating:

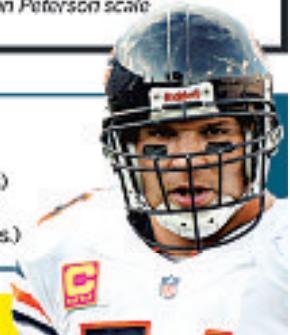
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BEARS TRIVIA CHALLENGE

We put our Twitter followers to the test before every Bears game. At stake: a chance to join our Four Score panel. Enter by 1. Having the right answer, and 2. Following and tweeting @redeye sportschl with your guess by noon Monday with the hashtag #bearschallenge. We'll let you know by Tuesday if you've won.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

If you added the current populations of the college towns (where the school is based, not necessarily where the stadium is) of every Bears linebacker on the roster, how many times would they fill up a sold-out Soldier Field? (Round to two decimal places.)



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It's a tough month to be Lance Armstrong, but he should cheer up: He could be one of these five.



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1 What can you tell us about the Tennessee Titans?	I can't remember.	That I've never seen ex-coach Jeff Fisher and Jeff Foxworthy in the same place at the same time.	They anagram to "Insane Teens Test," which describes their O-line play accurately.	You can't spell "Tennessee Titans" without T and A. I actually think that says more about my maturity level.	Originally the Houston Oilers, they won the first two AFL championships. Nothing since.
2 If Mike Ditka is responsible for the Bears failing to win multiple Super Bowls, what else is his fault?	The growth in mustaches.	Richard Dent's IQ: zero!	The Fridge Burger I had last week was overcooked. I said MEDIUM RARE.	Conan getting fired, Menudo, New Coke, and two of the four members of One Direction.	The failure of the sweater vest to rise as a fashion staple must be attributed to him.
3 Now that the NBA season is under way I am still underwhelmed.	... I predict Jimmy will let his unibrow grow in for the first Anthony Davis game at the UC.	... we can start a new countdown for The Return.	... I can complete my first novel of historical sports fiction, "Jersey? Sure."	... time to review the latest in tattoos! I'm stoked!
4 Congratulate Jake Peavy and Darwin Barney and on their Golden Gloves.	"Thanks for being the cream of the crap in Chicago."	Wait, they're boxers?	I already did because we are all personal friends and hang out all the time.	"Jake, Darwin, congratulations on winning the Kids' Choice Award of MLB's post-season honors."	"Jake, congrats and thanks for re-signing. Darwin, congrats and get out while you can."
5 Lance Armstrong will be burned in effigy in England. Who's next?	Somehow Charlie Sheen will also go up in smoke.	Please say Russell Brand ... Oh, they did already? Well, do it again. It didn't take.	Jimmy Greenfield. He knows what he did.	England will be burned in effigy in Effigy, Kentucky.	Someone else who insulted the English and lies regularly: Mitt Romney.

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We're taking a break from our weekly bashing of the Bears' hideous offensive line.

Instead, we're looking at the Bulls and Blackhawks. For openers, I'm suggesting something radical. We all know the Bulls' season is a wash. D-Rose is gone, and we're going nowhere. So, let's really go nowhere! And end up

somewhere!

Put all the regulars on injured reserve. We'll call it an epidemic. Then we call up our entire D-League team. Please meet the Iowa Energy. (We happen to share them with three other NBA teams ... I have no idea.) Just so you know, these guys are brutal. They declare for the draft and don't get drafted. They text their friends ... during games! Perfect, I say. D-Rose can take the entire year off to heal, and this gets us the worst/best record and a shot at the No. 1 pick.

I hope you're as turned on as I am! Your starting center next year: **Cody Zeller**. Maybe Shabazz Muhammad at shooting guard. Sure, I'm insane. But I'm also a genius!

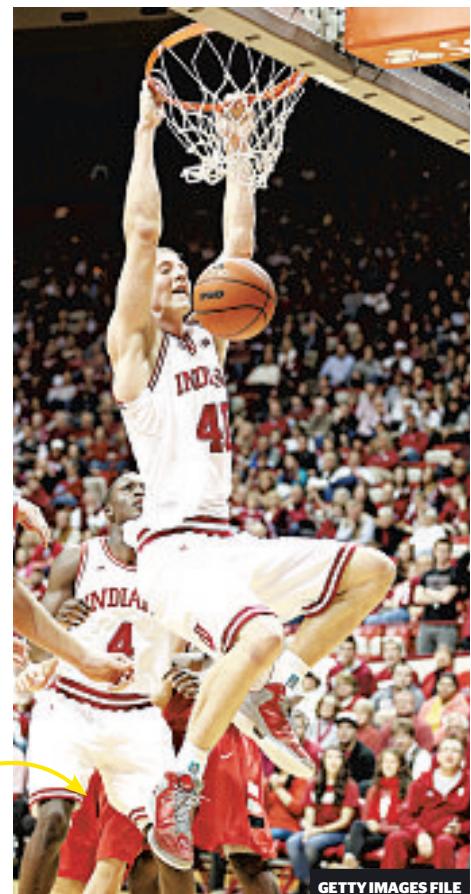
That's a long brutal winter, but what a spring! We can do this, together.

As for hockey, I'm seeing nothing here. No progress, no rumors, lots of games wiped off the books.

However, this is easy! We've done it before! The entire Blackhawks franchise disappeared from about 1998 to 2006. I'd say this is pretty easy!

Hats off to the Montreal Gazette, by the way. They're playing and reporting on Canadiens fantasy games using EA Sports.

Well, I can do that! Tuesday night, the Hawks lost to the Coyotes 3-1 at the United



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Center. On my game, Patrick Kane also threw up in a bar afterward. Amazing!

In the meantime, we never welcomed Rick Hahn as the new Sox GM properly. It's OK, he did it himself—by re-signing Jake Peavy, yay! And Gavin Floyd, arrrgghhh.

Well, we get John Danks back, plus Chris Sale, plus these two, we may have something. Still, we need a third baseman. Come on back, Kevin Youkilis! We love you, and you love us! It's not about the money! Stay! I'll never rip you unless you deserve it!

Back to the Bears bashing next week.

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THE FINISH LINE

» NFL: San Diego 31, Kansas City 13

» Report: Dallas Cowboys lineman dealing with harassment from family

THE 2012-13 VIRTUAL BLACKHAWKS

Since there's no real hockey being played, we're simulating the Hawks' 2012-13 season on "NHL 13." For a gallery featuring all the games, visit [redeyechicago.com](#). —RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE

Nov. 2: Blackhawks 3, Nashville 2

Another case of scoring early and holding on late, the Hawks went up 3-0 after two periods. Then Nashville mounted a comeback with two goals in the third period on an effective 5-on-4 power play, but couldn't manage a tying goal that would have sent the game to overtime. Instead, the Hawks hung on to the best record in the NHL after eight games.

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Washington challenged by dark role

By Miki Turner

FOR REDEYE

Denzel Washington always has had a recurring dream about flying, but it has nothing to do with piloting an airplane like he does in "Flight."

"I've had it for most of my life," Washington said during a recent press conference in Beverly Hills, Calif. "I somehow always end up near the city and I go underneath bridges and I'd stay under them. The other part of the dream is I just take off forever. I don't know what it means!"

When you're a two-time Oscar winner who is whipping up buzz for playing a commercial airline pilot with addiction issues, you're allowed to let your subconscious soar a bit.

In "Flight," opening Friday, we're introduced to Washington's character, Whip Whitaker, during a night when his sleeping aids were a flight attendant, drugs and Jack Daniels. In the morning, he snorts a little cocaine and steps into the cockpit. When his aircraft malfunctions, Whip lands the plane with only six casualties.

His actions make Whip equal parts hero and scumbag, or as Washington says—complex.

"This was an adventure," Washington said. "Starting with the screenplay and the collaboration with the filmmaker, getting a chance to fly around in flight simulators, hanging upside down in a plane and playing a drunk..."

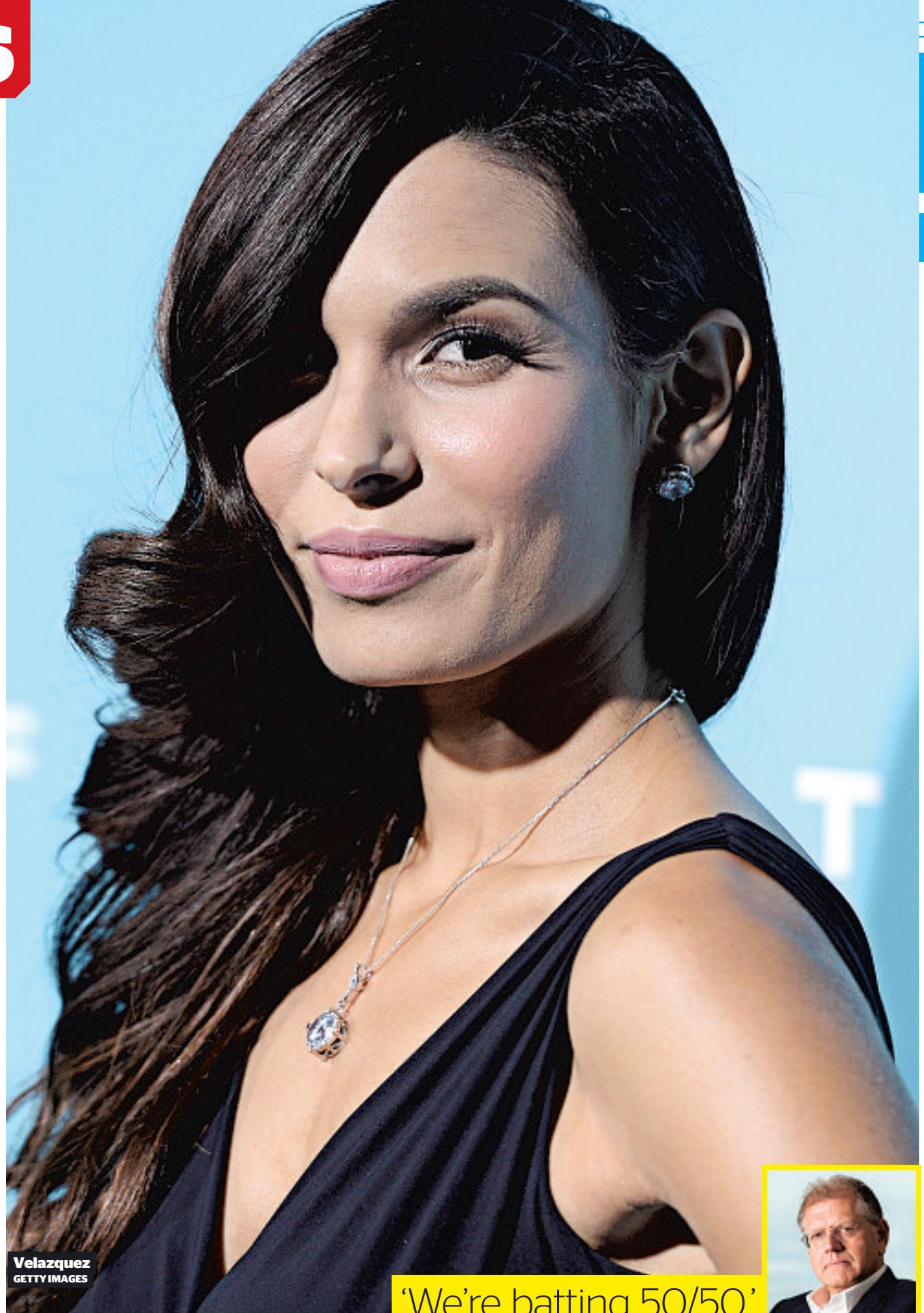
Don Cheadle, who plays Whip's attorney, thinks that Washington was relentless in exploring the darker side of his character.

"I think when you cast somebody like Denzel in a part like this you can expect to see a real willingness on his part to go to some pretty uncomfortable places," he said. "Everyone wants to be thought of as the good guy. But Whip's got to unleash some demons to let this happen and in the process let the audience see the darker side."

Washington says Whip is one of those roles he just couldn't turn down.

"I had to be a part of it," he said. "It was on the page—the guts, the pain, the tears."

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"We're batting 50/50."

"Flight" director and Chicago native Robert Zemeckis on the predictions made in his film "Back to the Future II."

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FLYING HIGH

CHICAGO NATIVE NADINE VELAZQUEZ STRETCHES HER FILM WINGS WITH 'FLIGHT'

By Matt Pais | REDEYE

Here's something you may not expect to hear from "Flight" co-star Nadine Velazquez, who's often included on lists with "hottest" or "sexiest" in the title. "I just didn't want to be a face that you see and make fun of," says Velazquez of her hesitation toward breaking into film. "People like to get critical and they say, 'Oh, she's not pretty enough to be in film.' She shouldn't be in film. 'She can't act.' I didn't want all those things to be said about me with my experiences in film, so for a long time I wouldn't go out for it if I didn't feel like I couldn't handle it."

Clearly the 31-year-old actress, who grew up just outside Oak Park and also appears on FX's comedy "The League," has gotten over that. In "Flight," opening Friday, Velazquez plays Katerina, a flight attendant who provides an emotional anchor for heroic, alcoholic pilot Whip (Denzel Washington)—and opens the film fully naked in a hotel room with her colleague, post-knocking boots.

From her home in L.A., Velazquez talked about telling her parents about the nude scene, wanting to be seen as more than a pretty face and why people shouldn't take issue with Sofia's fondness for Ruxin on "The League."

What did your parents say when you told them the first thing they'll see in "Flight" is you and Denzel Washington sans clothing?

My mom was horrified for about five seconds. [Laughs.] And my dad in the background was like, "No, you didn't. No, you didn't." I said, "Yes, I did." And then I said, "Just be late. Just be late for the movie."

What tips, if any, did Denzel Washington give you?

He doesn't rehearse so one of the things he said to me was, "Don't rehearse. Life isn't about being rehearsed. It's about the moment. ... You never know what's going to happen in the moment because you just never know what the next moment is."

What do you think of that?

I love it! ... When you're rehearsing you get really inspired in the beginning, but then it becomes repetitious and you lose the magic. How do you get the magic again? The magic happens when you're not pushing it. So I think that this is going to be a new way of me discovering more about who I am as an artist.

I read that you started thinking about acting when watching "Punky Brewster" as a kid. Is that true? At the time, what were your acting goals?

When I was a kid it was "Punky Brewster." I would watch the TV show, and I felt like I should be wearing mismatched socks and gym shoes and a ponytail. I liked the idea of me in that costume, and I really wanted her position and I wanted her fired. As I got older, when I was in college, I started watching "Charmed" and it was Alyssa Milano that did it for me and I remember thinking, "Wow, that's a job that I'd love to have." I always wanted to be an actress but I didn't know that I wanted to be an actress. I didn't have the master plan on how to get there.

Did you actually dress as Punky Brewster or just liked her style?

I did, when I was a kid at home. You went to school dressed as Punky. You would wear those socks. Yeah, for sure. For sure.

Your character in "Flight" is a beautiful woman but also is an emotional anchor for the story. Was that an important aspect in taking on the role?

It's a very great part for me as an introduction to film. I think you only get a couple of shots with film. And I have been very resistant to breaking into film because I haven't felt ready in my career to have that.

What made you feel ready to take on films?

I'm just an intuitive actress. It was just time. ... And I got three films shortly after [deciding]. ... I can testify to my own internal radar to know when is the right time for me to do something or when I shouldn't do something.

Did people say you weren't pretty enough



Nadine Velazquez (left) and Tamara Tunie in 'Flight'

for film? People would find that surprising. No, no one's actually said those words. These are conversations in my own head. But I've had people be critical of me on "My Name Is Earl" [because] of the way that I look. Which is fine. ... What's always driven me is being successful and being good at what I do. So if I didn't feel good at what I was doing I didn't want to do it until I had the confidence.

In "The League," you and Nick Kroll have great chemistry, but how often do you hear that Sofia would never marry someone like Ruxin in real life?

I think that Sofia would marry a Ruxin. I would marry a Ruxin!

Why? What does she see in him?

I think he's charming. I think he makes her laugh. This season we're having some marital issues. I think I'm doing four episodes and each one has to do with their relationship. ... I'm very attracted to Nick as a person. Nadine is. It's not a sexual attraction, but it could be if I got to know him better and he got to know me. He's somebody who's intelligent and funny and he has it going on.

What can you tell me about the other movies you've already filmed, like "Snitch"?

So "Snitch" is with The Rock and I play his wife. I got to do an amazing kissing scene with him, but it was cut out of the movie! ... At least I got to do it. At least I experienced that man's lips.

How do you compare working with Dwayne Johnson to working with Denzel?

I think I got to work with the two hottest men in Hollywood, that's for sure! One is not better than the other. They're both amazing. They're so hot. I'm a lucky girl!

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Kroll and Velazquez
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Stuck in first gear



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Boy, motion-capture technology has come a long way. In "Flight," that really looks like Denzel Washington.

Just kidding. For the first time since 2000's "Cast Away," Chicago-native director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump") returns to the land of the living. Following failed motion-capture

experiments "The Polar Express" and "A Christmas Carol," he's chosen to direct a script from a guy whose credits include "Real Steel" and "Summer Catch." Maybe that's why the already overrated "Flight" lands sooner than it should.

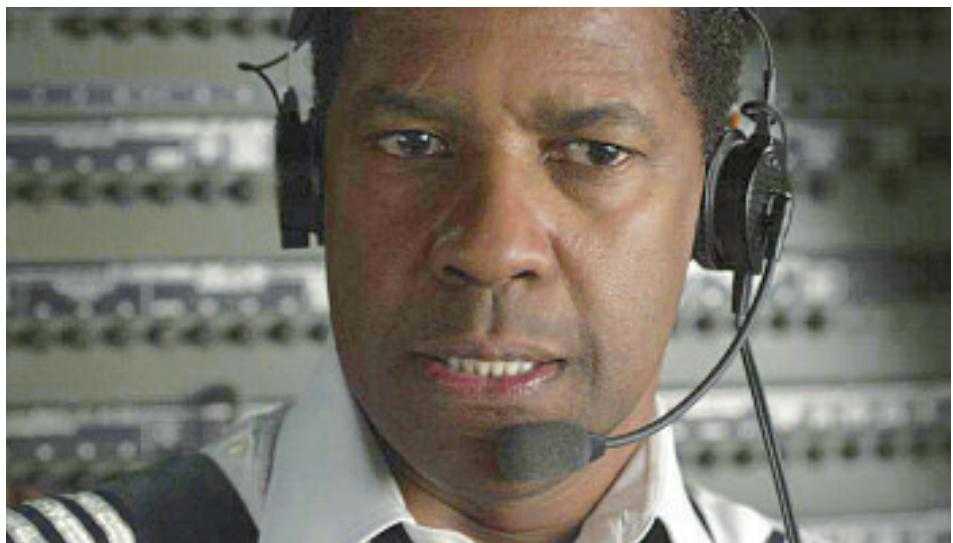
Washington stars as a pilot known as Whip, whose alcoholism and drug abuse apparently haven't previously resulted in problems on the job. The vodka and cocaine do nothing to hinder his ability to perform a brilliant maneuver and save all but six of



102 passengers and crew when the plane malfunctions in mid-air. As a lawyer from Chicago (Don Cheadle) indicates, death requires responsibility, so he works to suppress Whip's toxicology report that would almost certainly send him to prison for manslaughter—despite the 96 lives he saved.

It's great to see Washington returning to a role with something underneath the bluster, but "Flight" has no mystery. We know what Whip did. The question is only whether his guilt or addiction will affect whether he gets caught. His relationship with Nicole (Kelly Reilly), a heroin addict he meets in a hospital stairwell, couldn't be less convincing, and the movie shows little interest in Nicole's drug problem. Compared to the recent "Smashed" (among many other similar tales), the presentation of addiction in "Flight" looks awfully superficial, focusing only on the need to recognize you have a problem and suggesting that it's smooth sailing from there.

Washington's well served by a part that



asks him to act, not just save the day. (The sequence of the plane taking a nose dive will have you holding onto your seat.) But Zemeckis seems out of practice, amateurishly zooming in on tears and bluntly setting a drug-taking scene to Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Under the Bridge" along with other groan-worthy musical cues. Writer John Gatins neglects to analyze the culture of pilot worship and tries to make a big deal out of a central relationship without actually honoring the details behind it. (That would be

Whip's relationship with a flight attendant played by Chicago native Nadine Velazquez of "The League," who is gratuitously shown fully naked in the film's opening.)

All the way through to a cheap ending, Zemeckis uneasily manipulates character emotions and emphasizes bland discussions of God. One character asks about the crash, "Whose God would do this?" Another cries, "Praise Jesus!" "Flight" does nothing to explore the gray area between those perspectives.

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Catherine Keener takes another bow in 'A Late Quartet'

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It's a tough question. But Catherine Keener laughs at the tough questions. So here goes.

In her new film, "A Late Quartet," Keener, Christopher Walken, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Mark Ivanir portray members of a famous string quartet. They're shown in several scenes, rehearsing together or performing Beethoven in concert—four non-musician actors, sawing away at violins, a viola (Keener's character's instrument) and a cello.

An accomplished quartet—the Brentano String Quartet—does the playing we hear on the film's soundtrack. But what did the actors playing on stage actually sound like? Cats being tortured? Broken glass dragged across a blackboard?

Keener cackles. "Oh, you could recognize the pieces we were supposed to be playing. We actually had to learn what we were being shown playing. We were given sheet music and we could follow along, playing along to a recording."

recording.

“But we weren’t playing *to speed*, so to speak.”

On a simple technical level, pretending to play an instrument on film still is a pretty tricky proposition. The old studio tricks of

Mark Ivanir, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener and Christopher Walken in 'A Late Quartet'

hiding the hands or substituting the hands of a great musician don't fool modern audiences. Keener's 13-year-old son plays the cello, and she knew from watching him that this wasn't going to be easy.

"We studied for a couple of months, all of us, before attempting it," says Keener, who

has no musical background. "The hardest thing was just learning how to hold the bow. But when I cracked that code, it was a fantastic moment. That gives you the confidence and with confidence you start to learn to play. You don't want to just be a dilettante about it, even if that's what you are. I wanted to be able

to walk the walk a little bit."

That's what drew her to the film, the idea that she'd have a skill, a behavior that she'd actually "have to work at. You want to find things out that you don't know already, try something new. The preparation makes it appealing."

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Ralph (top) and Vanellope in 'Wreck-It Ralph'

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Anyone who has ever possessed a weakness for candy and/or video games will want to jump inside "Wreck-It Ralph," a sweet, colorful 3-D animated feature

that finds Disney passing its stuck-in-a-rut partners at Pixar ("Cars 2," "Brave").

Like "Toy Story," "Ralph" focuses on what non-living entertainment items do once people leave the premises. Looking kind of like Colin Farrell if he gained a lot of weight, 9-foot-tall, 600-pound Ralph (voiced by John C. Reilly) has had it with being the bad guy in "Fix It Felix Jr.," a "Rampage"-looking, 30-year-old arcade game that features happy-go-lucky carpenter Felix (Jack McBrayer) using a magic hammer to repair the damage Ralph causes. This earns Felix a building full of fans (who give him pie) and Ralph a lonely post-work existence, when he retreats to a dump in which he sleeps against a stump on a pile of bricks.

The solution, Ralph thinks, will be hopping into a game called "Hero's Duty" and proving to the folks in "Fix It Felix" that not only good guys can win medals. There he encounters a world full of evil bugs and a tough-talking sergeant (Jane Lynch) with a tragic backstory. Later, in a polar opposite setting that looks like a pre-Russell Brand Katy Perry video,

Wreck-It Ralph
PG

Ralph enters a candy go-kart game called "Sugar Rush" and develops a rocky relationship with Vanellope (Sarah Silverman), who is ostracized for being a "glitch."

The result looks like a delightful video game crossover episode, where unemployed Q-Bert begs for money and Sonic the Hedgehog warns, "If you die outside your own game, you don't regenerate. Game over." The sporadically funny script from Phil Johnston ("Cedar Rapids") and Jennifer Lee works too hard to generate kids' giggles, relying too heavily on "duty" sounding the same as "doody" and jokes such as Ralph telling a character who is stuck to something to "stick around."

Yet "Wreck-It Ralph" proves surprisingly fresh and agile, especially considering the increasingly common animated film storyline of villains who want to show their softer side ("Despicable Me," "Megamind"). Ralph has to learn to love himself; Vanellope must triumph over her game's group-think. Viewers of all ages can enjoy the message that feeling left out may come from a misunderstanding or other people's issues, not because you need to change. The movie finds fun in friendship and playing with food, so you're forgiven if you focus on the cupcakes and chocolate lakes.



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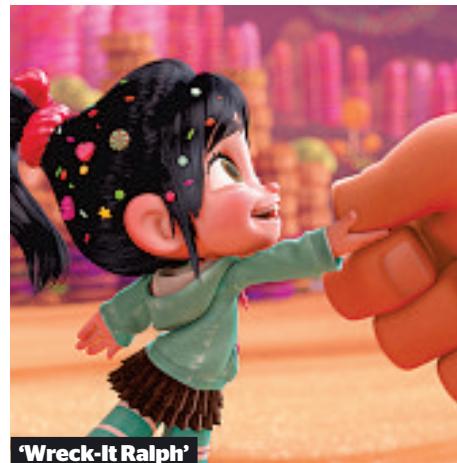
Sarah Silverman has built her career largely on raunchy jokes about sex and other decidedly adult topics. So it may come as a surprise that a woman famous for an R-rated song about sleeping with Matt Damon and for pro-Obama viral videos is voicing the role of an adorable 9-year-old girl in a Disney family film.

The animated flick, "Wreck-It Ralph," hits theaters Friday. The titular character, a video game toon named Wreck-It Ralph (John C. Reilly), is tired of always being the bad guy. He goes on a game-hopping journey to prove he can play the hero.

Silverman plays the precocious Vanellope von Schweetz who lives in the candy-themed racing game "Sugar Rush." Considered a "glitch" by the other kids because she flickers, Vanellope is an outcast who just wants a chance to race with the other girls.

At first glance, the casting of a stand-up comic like Silverman might seem an odd choice. But Silverman said she knows all about the tough-on-the-outside/sensitive-on-the-inside Vanelllope.

"I relate to everything about her," the



41-year-old said of her character. "I know this girl. The scrappiness and the feeling of being on the outside, looking in and wanting to play. And that what we are most ashamed of—the 'glitch' in each of us—can be our super power, our greatest asset, if we let it."

In Silverman's case, she cites her bed-wetting as her own "glitch," which she chronicled in her 2010 memoir, "The Bedwetter: Stories of Courage, Redemption, and Pee."

"I was a bedwetter until I was in my teens," she said. "[I took something] from my childhood that I thought would be my greatest shame and let it inform the greatest part of my life. I went in to comedy and was not scared because I had suffered great humiliations growing up. Bombing in front of strangers on stage? Who cares!"

Silverman said she was excited to potentially become a role model to kids, "especially girls," via Vanellope. The cartoonish perkiness that's part of her persona already has landed Silverman guest spots on kids' shows like "Yo Gabba Gabba."

Next up, she's planning on filming a special—her first in seven years—for HBO that will involve both stand-up and film pieces.

Although Silverman points out that she'll never feel "total job security" in her profession—for example, her NBC pilot "Susan 313" wasn't picked up for the fall season—she calls her ability to work in comedy, make videos and perform stand-up as "the gift that keeps on giving."

"As long as I always work on it, change it, be willing to bomb, recalibrate who I am and reflect that on stage, it can last."



Sarah Silverman
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When engaged couple Alex (Gael Garcia Bernal) and Nica (Hani Furstenberg) backpack in the Georgian mountains with their guide Dato (Bidzina Gujabidze), what could possibly happen?

- A. If Bernal's work in "Y Tu Mama Tambien" is any indication, they'll all get it on.
- B. Dato will fall off a cliff, leaving Alex and Nica on their own.
- C. Dato will hunt his clients for sport.
- D. Without Liam Neeson, they are unprepared for an encounter with deadly animals.
- E. None of the above.

Working from a short story by Tom Bissell, writer-director Julia Loktev suggests opportunities for a catastrophic incident while keeping "The Loneliest Planet" grounded in


The Loneliest Planet NR

ordinary behavior. Don't see it after a sleepless night; you'll wake up when the movie's over and assume you only missed a lot of walking around bracketed by symbolic sexual behavior.

At times the film nods to Gus Van Sant's "Gerry" in its slow, deliberate journey, accentuating extended conversations and the literal and figurative distances that close and open between people with no hurry to pick up the pace. You're forgiven for silently shouting, "Do something already!"

While "Planet" takes subtlety to extremes that feel more conceptual than character-driven, Loktev's steady direction and the actors' quiet performances shadow a wide spectrum of shame and disappointment that echoes after the story ends.



Gael Garcia Bernal and Hani Furstenberg in 'The Loneliest Planet'

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Laura Linney and Tobey Maguire in 'The Details'

How to be a good man behaving badly

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What a week for bad behavior. While Denzel Washington's heroic, drug- and alcohol-addicted pilot in "Flight" is getting raves, "The Details" presents a

character study with rougher edges and more to say than, "It's difficult but important to admit when you have a problem."

Doing no favors for stereotypes about priorities that drive the male brain, Jeff (Tobey Maguire) digs himself into an increasingly deeper hole with multiple fouls. He sleeps with his gorgeous friend Rebecca (Kerry Washington) as a result of his unsatisfying marriage to Nealy (Elizabeth Banks, underused) and, seemingly, years of unfulfilled desire for Rebecca. He also attempts to poison the raccoons digging up his lawn and gets in all kinds of hot water with his crazy cat-lady neighbor (Laura Linney, giving dimension to a character who works better on screen than

The Details

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the page). Meanwhile, his friend, Lincoln (Dennis Haysbert), who only knows about the good things Jeff does for him, still sees his pal as a saint.

Still exploring morality eight years after "Mean Creek," writer-director Jacob Aaron Estes incorporates predictable and/or contrived developments as one questionable decision begets another until major consequences result. Jeff's visions of raccoons also spin the darkly comic tone closer to oddball farce. However, "The Details" doesn't succumb to easy changes in lifestyle or messages about truth. Estes knows karma sometimes takes a while to come around, and doing the right thing can be a foggy concept.

One of many questions you may ponder afterward: Does it really matter if you do something selfless for selfish reasons?

Maguire's all grown up—at last

Reuters

Tobey Maguire's boyish looks have played no small part in landing him roles as young heroes in films such as "Spider-Man" and "Seabiscuit."

Now, the 37-year-old actor is finally growing up on screen in the dark comedy "The Details." Maguire plays Dr. Jeff Lang, a married father who strays from his wife, Nealy (Elizabeth Banks) by sleeping with a former medical school friend (Kerry Washington).

"I did have a 10-year period where a lot of my time was taken up doing the 'Spider-Man'

movies and I was heavily identifiable as that character," Maguire said of the films.

Maguire, who made his name playing coming-of-age roles in '90s movies like "The Cider House Rules," "Pleasantville" and "The Ice Storm," said the latest film is tonally very different from anything he has done before.

"I do enjoy films where the screws come down on a character," Maguire said of playing Dr. Lang. "I can understand how this guy got to a point where he made a bad decision and then in trying to retrieve that, it all unravels."



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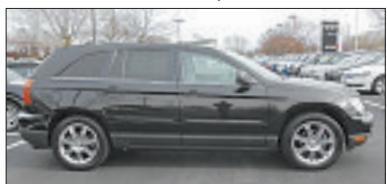
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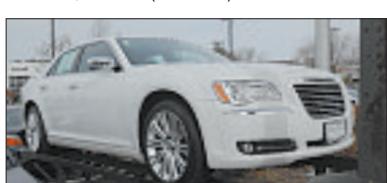
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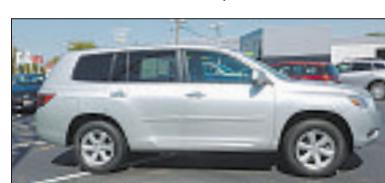
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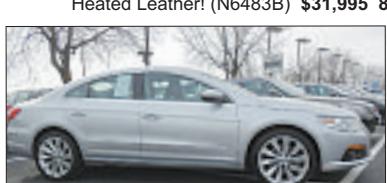
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RZA finds a new love

Chicago Tribune

Any rapper can star in a movie, but starring, directing, co-writing and co-scoring a studio film? Even for a man who calls directors Quentin Tarantino and Eli Roth friends, that's almost unheard of within the hip-hop world. And yet, it's no surprise RZA (real name: Robert Fitzgerald Diggs) would want to test that mostly uncharted territory.

The Wu-Tang Clan rapper and producer was ahead of the curve with his soul-sampling beats and Wu Wear clothing line in the 1990s. RZA could again help pave the way with his martial arts film, "The Man With the Iron Fists," which revolves around a blacksmith, played by RZA, who fights to protect his small village in 19th-century China.

RZA discusses the film, opening Friday and also starring Russell Crowe, and his plans to remake the 1985 cult classic "The Last Dragon."

When did you start writing "Man With the Iron Fists"?

I first put pen to paper, so to speak, in 2005. I didn't know how to write screenplays and went for it and got 90 pages myself. I told the story to Eli [Roth], who loved it but said, "Executives aren't going to get this, so let's fix this up." He spent over a year fixing it with me.

What did Eli add to the script?

Proper character development, character introduction. He said it was in my head but I didn't know how to put it on paper. He knew how to pull it out of me and put it on paper.

Quentin Tarantino seems like a chatterbox.

Do you have to shush him during movies?

We're similar guys. You might have to tell both of us to shush. What I like about him the most is he's the only person who laughs when I laugh. Nobody ever laughed when I laughed, but I found someone else who laughed at that moment. He gets it too.

You were friends with Russell Crowe after working with him on 2010's "The Next Three Days." Were you nervous about approaching him with "Iron Fists"?

Yeah, I was. But I believed in the script and the story. He had doubts, of course. He ain't no comedian or kung fu fighter. He's one of the best actors alive. Yeah, it took some convincing.

Do you want to take a break from directing after you're done promoting "Iron Fists"?

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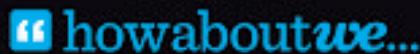
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“ Why would massively successful, huge, giant Billy Corgan care about what some band who sells eight records wrote about him in vague reference to the fact that in the right light he looks like Voldemort?”

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID

Getting inside the mind of Future of the Left's Andy Falkous

By Matt Pais | REDEYE SOUND BOARD

Quite simply, Future of the Left is a fantastic band. Its three albums wrap sharp, aggressive indie rock around lyrics both cutting and hilarious, which never sacrifice smarts to get a laugh. Sample line from “Cosmo’s Ladder” off this year’s “The Plot Against Common Sense”: “I have seen into the future/Everyone is slightly older.”

Speaking by phone from Cardiff, Wales, 37-year-old singer Andy Falkous likewise is a wickedly smart and uninhibited interview. Enjoy a wide variety of context-free quotes, some of which you may want to adopt yourself. MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM | [@MATTPAIS](https://twitter.com/MATTPAIS)

“ You can’t be a don’t-give-a-[bleep]-rock-band and then give a total [bleep] what people think.”

“ I had two bits of news last Thursday: One of which was that we’d won this thing called the Welsh music prize—which is basically like the Welsh Mercury prize or something—and the other bit of news was that [we] found somebody to feed our cat while we were away in the States for a month. And even though the first bit of news was very sweet—like they said, just because you don’t do things for a pat on the back it doesn’t mean it’s not nice to get a pat on the back from time to time—it was far more significant to our existence that our next-door neighbor had agreed to feed the cat.”

“ You can’t really blame bands for existing. If Coldplay didn’t exist, there’d be another band to appeal to couples in their 30s who want to remember a special song on that rare night when the babysitter can stay with the kids until 2 and they’re out having Tex-Mex. And if One Direction didn’t exist it’d be another bunch of plucked-looking children singing to screaming teenage girls. At the end of the day, those bands exist because there’s a need for those bands. I think there’s probably a need for our band. [Laughs.] It’s just a much smaller need.”

“ Chances are that emotion was just brought on by really good whiskey anyway.”

“ Just because a sentiment’s obvious doesn’t mean a song shouldn’t be written. ‘What’s Goin On’ by Marvin Gaye, the sentiment is obvious. That doesn’t mean that the song [was regarded as irrelevant].”

“ I’m not trying to claim the moral high points on ‘My body is a temple’, but I would never run around the block and go, ‘Thanks, Heineken!’”

“ I think as a touring band there’s a danger sometimes that you don’t remember cities, but you shine a light on them in regards to how good the shows are there. If for some reason you played in Beirut to a capacity-800 crowd, had a great show and did loads of merch, and somebody said, ‘How’s Beirut?’ you’d go, ‘Oh, it’s a [bleeping] lovely place. It’s great. The people there, they’re bang-on and honestly the architecture is inspiring.’ So when I say my favorite cities especially in the States are Seattle and Chicago, that’s because they’re two of the better crowds. I have to say, Seattle wins.”

“ My [day] job is working for my local council in various complaints departments. Environmental health, usually, dealing with various manifestations. Some true and some born of utter madness.”

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TRAIN, KARMIN, ED SHEERAN, TRISTAN PRETYMAN, Friday, Dec. 14 (\$55-\$75, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

THE WALKMEN, FATHER JOHN MISTY, Friday, Jan. 18 (\$25, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

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LIQUID SOUL, Sunday, Jan. 20 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at Double Door.

ON SALE NOW

WYCLEF JEAN, Sunday, Dec. 16 (\$60-\$125, all ages) at City Winery.

* **BOOKER T JONES**, Friday, Jan. 18 (\$28-\$68, all ages) at Space.



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* **MAPS AND ATLASES**, Sunday, Dec. 30 (\$15, 18+), Monday, Dec. 31 (\$25, 21+) at Schubas.

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Freddie Gibbs

10:30 p.m. Fri. at Reggie's Rock Club. \$17-\$20.

The Gary, Ind., rapper performs from his new mixtape, "Baby Face Kill'a."

Action Bronson

8 p.m. Sun. at Double Door. \$25. Cypress Hill headlines.

One of the most acclaimed rappers you aren't into yet.

The Hood Internet

9 p.m. Fri. at Metro. \$16.

The local DJs finally appear for an album release show, rescheduled from September.

Milo Greene

10 p.m. Fri. at Lincoln Hall. \$13-\$15

Indie rockers you may as well get to know because they're on the rise (and not as annoyingly cute as some other recent upstarts).

Sleigh Bells

9 p.m. Sun. at Metro. \$21-\$23.

They hit hard and sweet, soft and aggressive, and make the combo sound just right.



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eat&drink

Tote your own bottles to 5 new BYOB restaurants

By Erin Brereton | FOR REDEYE

If saving money is important to you but staying sober isn't, a BYOB restaurant might be your best bet for dining out. In the past few months, five new spots with a liberal DIY libation policy have opened their doors. To take the guesswork out of your booze buying, we asked staffers to suggest what beverage would best match each eatery's most popular dishes.

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Choosin' & boozin'

Trattoria Ultimo

1953 W. Chicago Ave. 312-243-6343

What to bring: "Any red goes wonderfully with the braised lamb shank," manager Nathan Godfrey said. The dish is served with rosemary-seasoned yukon gold potatoes and a mix of roasted carrots, celery, broccoli and cauliflower (\$19.50). Pinot grigio, sauvignon blanc or other white wines pair well with linguine and sauteed cod with a slightly sweet tomato sauce (\$13.50). Just don't expect fancy stemware: Because of the trattoria's rustic (and therefore a bit uneven) tabletops, wine is served in small water-sized glasses to curb spills.

Bonus beverage: Diners who prefer vodka to vino can mix it with San Pellegrino's lemon- or orange-flavored sodas (\$3).

BYOB until: Forever. Trattoria Ultimo has no plans as of yet to apply for a liquor license.

Corkage fee: \$5 per bottle.

Local liquor supply: The Noble Grape (802 N. Bishop St. 312-846-1204) and Dominick's (2021 W. Chicago Ave. 773-799-9000)



Oliver's Cafe 451 W. 31st St. 312-791-1230

What to bring: Hearty red wines make a smart match for chef Oliver Valenzuela's beef short ribs (\$15), which are served with balsamic glaze, root veggies and horseradish-laced mashed potatoes. Dry whites will help cut the subtle spice of appetizers such as Gulf shrimp with avocado salad and roasted piquillo pepper sauce (\$6.50). For a sweet finale, stow away a coffee stout or porter to sip with the dessert egg roll stuffed with cinnamon apples, pineapple and raisins (\$5).

BYOB until: Forever. Valenzuela and his wife Marcy, who run the restaurant together, don't have plans to add liquor.

Corkage fee: \$3 per bottle

Local liquor supply: Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar (960 W. 31st St. 773-890-0588)

The Lazy Parrot

2257 W. North Ave. 773-227-5299

What to bring: Pinot grigio would partner well with this tropical Bucktown eatery's shrimp fiesta dish (\$18), which features more than two dozen garlic-seasoned and coconut shrimp, manager Samantha Laguardia said. Red wine also works with the restaurant's ox-tail stew, which is made with tender ox-tail that's marinated for about a week and served with white rice and black beans (\$19). "I've noticed a lot of people prefer merlot with it," Laguardia said.

Bonus beverage: Look for non-alcoholic mojito and margarita mixers to debut in a few weeks so you can spike your own cocktails at the table.

BYOB until: February. The restaurant plans to apply for a liquor license in January and is hoping to receive it by Valentine's Day.

Corkage fee: No charge.

Local liquor supply: Evolution Wines and Spirits (1704 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-9463)



brisket with belgian fries at Bistro Dre
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Bistro Dre 2965 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-697-9067

What to bring: Break out the brews, said chef/owner Andre Christopher, who recently changed his Lakeview restaurant's name from Flour & Water. "I'd get a really cool artisan beer," to go with the hand-cut Belgian fries with truffle-bechamel sauce and slow-smoked brisket (\$10; \$8 without brisket), Christopher said. "The smokiness of the brisket and the heartiness of the truffle would pair deliciously with a stout. You could get something on the sweeter side, or an IPA." White wine also would compliment Christopher's grilled French green beans served with blue cheese grits and turmeric-infused breadcrumbs (\$12). "Just think about summertime," he says. "Something grilled is going to taste good with a nice, crisp white wine—possibly something with [notes of] apple in it."

Bonus beverage: Bring a bottle of bubbly to pair with mimosa mixers (\$9 a pitcher) in flavors such as pomegranate-raspberry and cucumber-celery during weekend brunch (11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday).

BYOB until: Forever. Christopher doesn't have any immediate plans to apply for a license.

Corkage fee: No charge.

Local liquor supply: Foremost Liquor Stores (3014 N. Ashland Ave. 773-472-7471)



Surf & turf at
Embers on Broadway

Embers on Broadway 2835 N. Broadway 773-327-9593

What to bring: The best beverage to sip with the Lakeview eatery's surf and turf platter (\$25.95)—Maine lobster tail, served with a 7-oz. strip steak—would be red wine. "People love merlot with it," executive chef Alan Peterson said. Or try the farm-raised grilled tilapia (\$15.95), served with a dill sauce, matched with pretty much any variety of white wine.

Bonus beverage: Starting Saturday, Embers will offer brunch every day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with orange juice at the ready for mimosa-making.

BYOB until: The end of the month, at least. Peterson said Embers eventually will apply for a liquor license, but a timeline isn't finalized.

Corkage fee: No charge.

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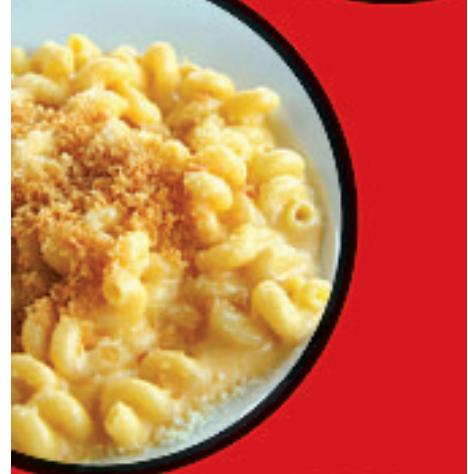


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954 W. Fulton Market 312-226-5300

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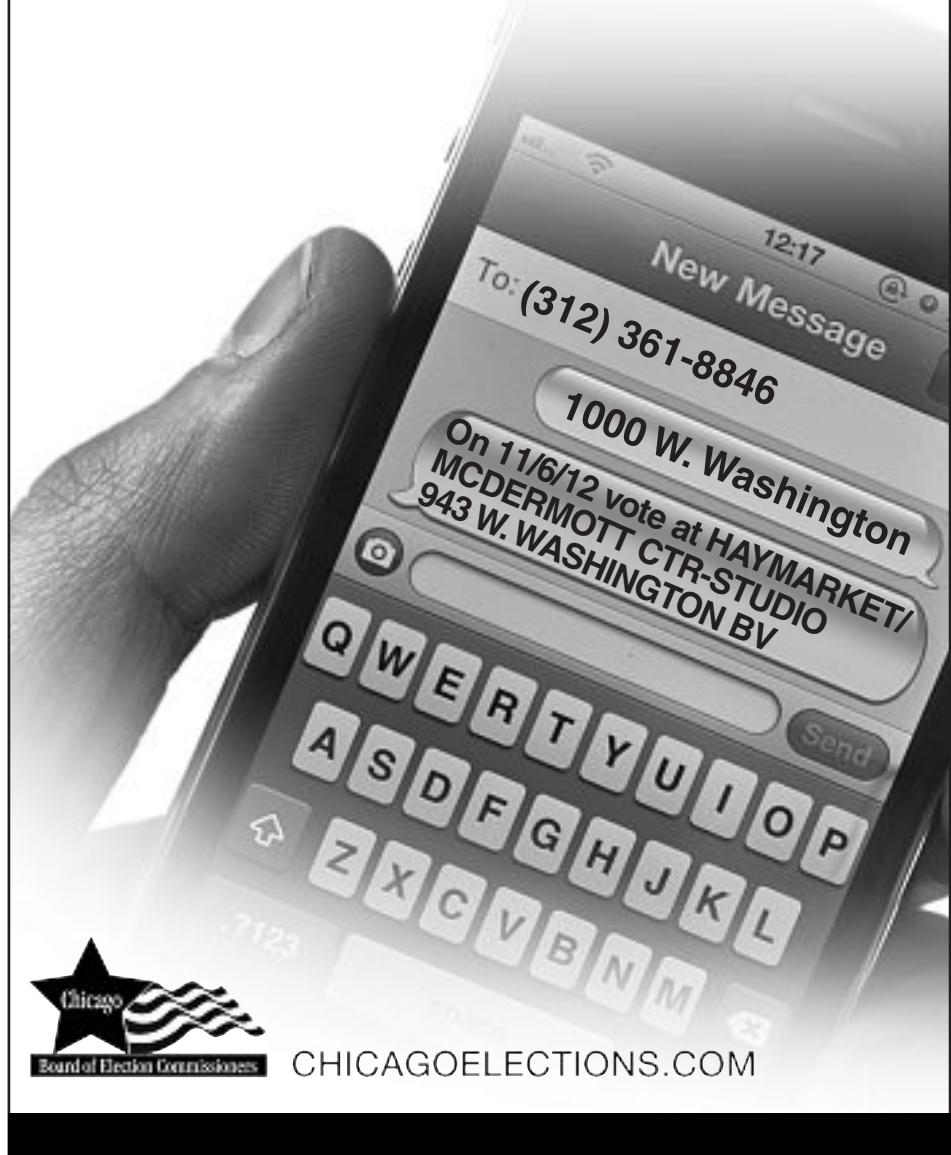
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MISSED CONNECTIONS | LINE OF THE WEEK



Man for woman / Blue Line / Thursday

I boarded at Harlem and we sat across from each other. You were wearing gray boots. Hopefully you read this, I would like to take you to dinner.

In love with my best friend, who's taken. Do I tell him?



Anna Pulley

✉ redeye@tribune.com

Dear Anna,
Over the last month I've fallen in love with one of my best guy friends. Usually I would tell him, but the problem is he has a girlfriend. Trust me when I say I am trying not to be some home-wrecker, but it's becoming more and more difficult to hide my real feelings. Do I tell the guy I love how I feel or

continue to love from afar?

—Crushed

Feelings! What I wouldn't give to bury the whole sodden bunch of 'em and call it a day. Alas, then we'd be robots, and that would make for terrible advice columns. Example:

"Dear Anna, Does he love me?"

No, he's programmatically incapable.

The main takeaway from your question is: "I am trying not to be some home-wrecker." If you don't want to be a home-wrecker, then don't be one. Et voila! Thanks for playing the game of love. Your commemorative spoon and subscription to "Casseroles!" magazine will be in the mail shortly.

But, seriously, admitting you're in love with a dude who is in a relationship is a pretty big risk with a slim possibility for reward, and in virtually every outcome, you lose. A few scenarios:

► You confess and he doesn't feel the same way, thus altering your friendship in an awkward and possibly irreparable way.

► You confess and he does feel the same way, but not enough to leave his girlfriend. It's still awkward, but now you feel bitter for not being chosen.

GG If you don't want to be a home-wrecker, then don't be one.

► You confess and he does feel the same way and he either cheats on his girlfriend or immediately jumps into a relationship with you, neither of which are ideal or great ways to start a new relationship.

Or, you continue being his friend, trust that this crush will pass (they all do) and live your life with integrity. Making love speeches is hard enough with people we're actually dating. To do so to a friend will put you both in a compromised position that you might not recover from. (Think: jealous girlfriends limiting your time together.) If your feelings are intensifying to an alarming degree, then back off from him some. Take solace in other, less confusing friendships. Respect the boundaries that you have in place, and the gut feeling that making declarations to someone else's boyfriend is not OK.

And it isn't, regardless of how many Woody Allen movies say otherwise. There might come a day when you're both single and sparks are flying, and then you can rent a skywriting plane to tell him your deepest desires. But now is not that time.

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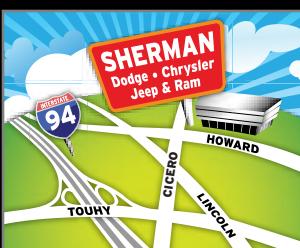
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"Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama Bin Laden" does the impossible: It makes the clandestine and no doubt harrowing U.S. mission that killed Osama bin Laden kind of boring.

Republicans have complained that the fictionalized tale, airing Sunday on National Geographic Channel, could sway the outcome of Tuesday's elections toward President Obama because it shows the operation in a positive light. First, there's no other way to show the mission—it was a success after all. But conservatives needn't worry; "Seal Team Six" isn't good enough to sway any voter.

Parts of the film work as it recounts the gathering of intelligence on the whereabouts of the al-Qaida mastermind, efforts to get the president's approval to take action, and finally the May 2, 2011, Navy Seal raid of the bin Laden compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. But by mixing real news footage of the president and various terrorist attacks with made-up dialogue and wobbly dramatizations of battle scenes, director John Stockwell and executive producer Harvey Weinstein achieve neither a revealing documentary nor a riveting drama.

I find docu-dramas "based on reality" to be frustrating because viewers don't know what is true and what isn't. The

Seal Team Six
7 p.m. Sunday, Nat Geo

only fact I know definitely is not fiction in "Seal Team Six" is that we killed Osama bin Laden. But I already knew that.

"Boss" star Kathleen Robertson plays Vivian Hollins, a CIA analyst who admits to being obsessed with catching bin Laden since the Sept. 11 attack on the Twin Towers. Hollins may or may not be based on a real person. (Or maybe she's just based on Claire Danes' character, Carrie, in "Homeland?") I want to know if Hollins is based on a real person, and what parts of her crusade within the CIA and National Security Council really happened. In other words, give me a factual documentary of a historical event like this.

"Seal Team Six" also falls short as a piece of fiction. The film doesn't let us get to know the players involved. By relying on the rather lame conceit of having his characters talk to the camera in fake interviews, Stockwell commits the sin of telling, not showing. There's almost no character development here, which makes it hard for viewers to latch on to the characters.

The Seal team is made up of team leader Stunner (Cam Gigandet), Cherry (Anson Mount), Mule (Xzibit), Trench (Chicago native Freddy Rodriguez), Sauce (Kenneth Miller) and their boss, who is simply billed as Lt. Commander (Rob



Xzibit as Mule in "Seal Team Six"

ert Knepper). Except for a touching scene in which some of these men Skype with family members before heading out, we don't learn a lot about them save that they are patriotic.

For a movie that wants to hold these men and women up as heroes, it certainly gives them short shrift.

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'REAL' ISSUES

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Rock the vote or rock the tote? While America elects a president next week, Bravo is electing to premiere new seasons of "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" and "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" on Sunday and Monday, respectively. But which party would you rather join? RedEye does the research for you by comparing the season premieres for both shows. If one thing is clear this Election Week, it's that these women have "issues." TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM | @TRACYSWARTZ

ATLANTA: Mortician-in-training Phaedra Parks has decided to expand her funeral business to "pet horizons." No word if this ties in with her alma mater, the University of Georgia Bulldogs.

ANIMAL RIGHTS

BEVERLY HILLS: Lady-in-training Brandi Glanville has adopted two dogs that seem more behaved than her. Thankfully, there's no fight between the dogs and Lisa Vanderpump's pooch, human-in-training Giggy.



NeNe Leakes is trying to reconcile with her ex, Gregg, while Kim Zolciak-Biermann is pregnant with her second son with Falcons star Kroy Biermann, which should be the real birther debate.

OPPOSITE-SEX MARRIAGE

Adrienne Maloof and her husband, Mr. Maloof, are ending their un-civil union while Vanderpump renews her vows with fellow Brit Ken Todd, who lovingly says, "I will obey you." A royal wedding, this is not.

DEBT AND DEFICIT

Zolciak-Biermann talks of wanting to be evicted from her Georgia home because it costs \$101,000 to rent a moving van. She may be the only person in America for-closure.



As every argument at a dinner party has shown, these Southern belles are longtime believers in the values of Christian ... Louboutin.

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Web of rumors

Jamie Foxx: super villain? Possibly. "Dressed up as Electro for Halloween last night," Foxx (right) tweeted Thursday. "Costume fits well." That tweet came after unnamed sources told variety.com that the Oscar winner was in talks to play the character in "The Amazing Spider-Man 2." Hmmm ...



Country lovin'

It was a husband-and-wife show Thursday at the Country Music Association Awards in Nashville, Tenn. Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert took home the song of the year award for "Over You." Shelton also won entertainer and male vocalist of the year awards, while Lambert was female vocalist of the year. And we certainly can't overlook this: Toby Keith won music video of the year for "Red Solo Cup." Let's have a party!

Do the math

Some guys get all the genetic luck. According to genealogy website ancestry.com, George Clooney is the half-first cousin five times removed of President Abraham Lincoln. The connection: Lincoln's mother was the half-sister of Clooney's fourth great-grandmother. Now try drawing *that* family tree ...

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Election central

Can you handle the truthiness? "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" are not messing around Tuesday — both will air live Election Day shows, ew.com reports. And this is the name of Stephen Colbert's special: "Election 2012: A Nation Votes, Ohio Decides; The Re-Presidenting of America: Who Will Replace Obama? '012!"